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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/600,254	06/20/2003	James G. Tribble	911560/00003DIV	1515

TITLE OF INVENTION: METAL/WOOD BAT CONNECTION ASSEMBLY

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No.: 10/600,254 Filed: June 20, 2003  
For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**  
Inventor: James G. Tribble  
Our Ref. No.: 911560/00003DIV

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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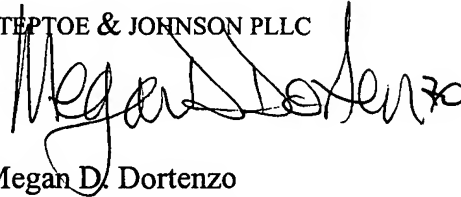
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